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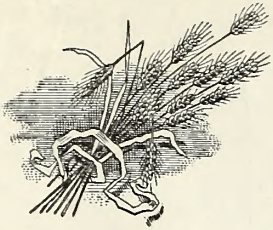
### Axe

Owned by Thomas Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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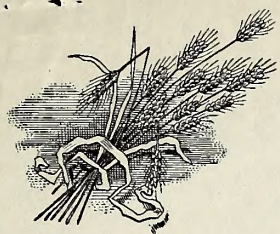
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Dr Louis A Warren  
Fort Wayne,  
Indiana,

Dear Sir: Have just read your  
appeal in The Windsor Review.  
For the bringing to light of  
Lincoln relics. Wish to say  
that we have in my family the  
break axe that was used by Thomas  
Lincoln in hewing the logs to build  
the famous cabin in which  
"Abe" Lincoln was born. My father  
(now deceased) came in to possession  
of this axe over 40 years <sup>ago</sup> near  
Hodgensville Ky. He was born and  
reared in a few miles of Abe Lincoln's  
birth place. My father always cherished





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this axe as a rare Lincoln relic and was especially proud of it as he was a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin of Abe Lincoln, being a descendant of Nancy Shipley's sister Sarah who married Robert Mitchell. My brother Marvin M. Stearman of Hooker, Oklahoma is in charge of this axe and if you will write him telling him of my letter to you I am sure there can be an arrangement made whereby this axe can be exhibited. We have already arranged with the Illinois State Fair board to have it exhibited at Springfield State Fair next summer. Please let me hear from you regarding it.

yours truly  
Richard K. Stearman  
Mora, Mo.



April 6, 1932

Mr. R. K. Stearman  
Mora Feed Store  
Mora, Missouri

My dear Mr. Stearman:

Your brother has written me that you have in your possession an axe used by Thomas Lincoln at the time the birthplace cabin in Kentucky was constructed.

I am also very much interested in the fact that you are a descendant of Robert Mitchell who married Sarah Shipley.

I am intensely interested in tracing the ancestry of Lincoln's mother and have done considerable work on this. I used to live at Hodgenville, Kentucky, and visited at Washington where some of your relatives still live. Could you give me any information whatever about the Shipley family that would help me trace them back to their Virginia origin, or if you can give me anything at all that will be of assistance in showing the relationship between the Shipley and Berry families, I should very much appreciate it. Have you ever heard of any old family bibles containing the history of the Shipley family?

The Foundation is having an exhibit here in July and it may be that we shall want to secure the axe you have for exhibition purposes if it is available. I am especially anxious, however, to hear what you know about the Shipley family.

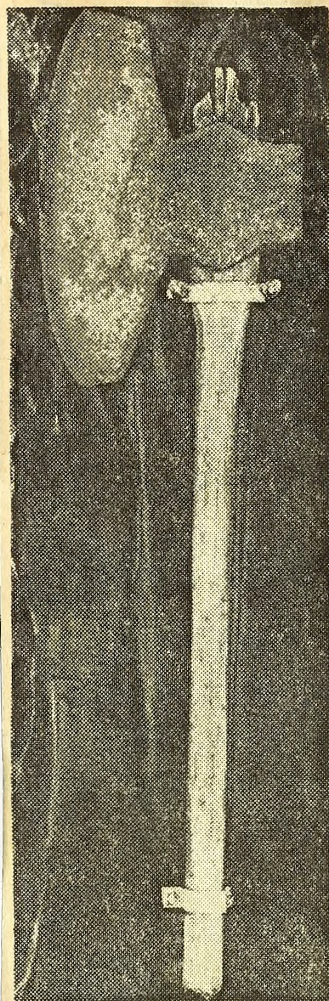
Very sincerely yours,

LAW:AAM

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



The Louisville Times  
Louisville, Kentucky  
February 12, 1963



### **Abe's Dad's Ax**

A log-facing broadax that belonged to Thomas Lincoln and may have been used in building the cabin in which his son, Abraham Lincoln, was born is on display at Lincoln Homestead State Park near Springfield, Ky. It was lent by the heirs of John Robert and Mary Frances Stearman.

*Feb 12*



